

REMARKS**Overview**

Claims 1-7, 15-18, 21-23 and 25 have been allowed. Claims 8, 10, 11 and 19 have been rejected. Claims 9, 12-14 and 20 have been objected to as depending upon a rejected base claim.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 8 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Baltz. The Applicants have amended claims 8 and 19. Specifically, Applicants have amended claim 8 to require the limitation "whereby the weight force of the granular material is in contact with the angled member in the closed position" and has amended claim 19 to require the limitation of "the granular material acting on the angled portion while in the closed position". Baltz does not disclose these limitations as Baltz illustrates the angled portion beneath the frame while in the closed position. Claims 9-14 and 20 are believed to be allowable as depending upon an allowable base claim.

Additionally, claim 11 is believed to be independently allowable as it requires the angled member to be L-shaped and to be received upon a gate frame that is also L-shaped. The Baltz reference does not teach such a mating structure.

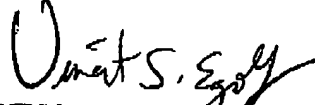
Conclusion

Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$395.00 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in

connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and passage to allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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